

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/532,335

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to applicant's election filed on December 21, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other attachment #1.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to applicant's election filed on December 21, 2006.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Matthew Johnston on March 7, 2007.
4. The application has been amended as follows:
 - The abstract has been amended as -A handle for a motor vehicle door comprising a lever that can rotate about a first axis in a frame that is fixed to the door and is connected mechanically to a rocker wheel that rotates in the frame about a second axis when the stop piece belonging to a locking member comprising a pendulum that has lever is pulled in order to unlock the door, the rocker wheel is provided with a shoulder capable of being intercepted by a an inertial mass and is hinged to the frame or to a body integral therewith so as to pivot about a third axis, that during a violent pivoting of the pendulum, the stop piece strikes the shoulder and prevents the rocker wheel from rotating-.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. **Claims 1-15 are allowed.**

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6. Since claim 1, a generic claim, was found allowed over the prior art, the restriction requirement has been withdrawn and all the claims previously withdrawn has been incorporated to the application.
7. At the instant, Agostini (EP Pat No 1,128,004) discloses a handle comprising a lever (4) that can rotate about a first axis (not shown) and a rocker wheel (6) mechanically connected to the lever that can rotate about a second axis (7) when the lever is pulled in order to unlock the door.

The rocker wheel is provided with a shoulder (edge of 14) capable of being intercepted by a stop piece (edge of 29) belonging to a locking member (9) comprising a pendulum (29) which is provided with an inertial mass and is hinged to the frame so as to pivot about a third axis (10), in such a way that during a violent pivoting of the pendulum, the stop piece strikes the shoulder and prevents the rocker wheel from rotating.

However, Agostini fails to disclose that the third axis of rotation (10) of the pendulum is essentially parallel to the first axis of rotation of the lever. Agostini discloses that the third axis (10) is perpendicular to the first axis of rotation (Paragraph 13 Lines 1-6 and attachment #1).

Also, Agostini (US 6,367,295) and Marcarini (US 6,588,813) disclose a similar arrangement where the first axis is perpendicular to the third axis of rotation.

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Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos Lugo whose telephone number is 571-272-7058. The examiner can normally be reached on 10-7pm EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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March 7, 2007.

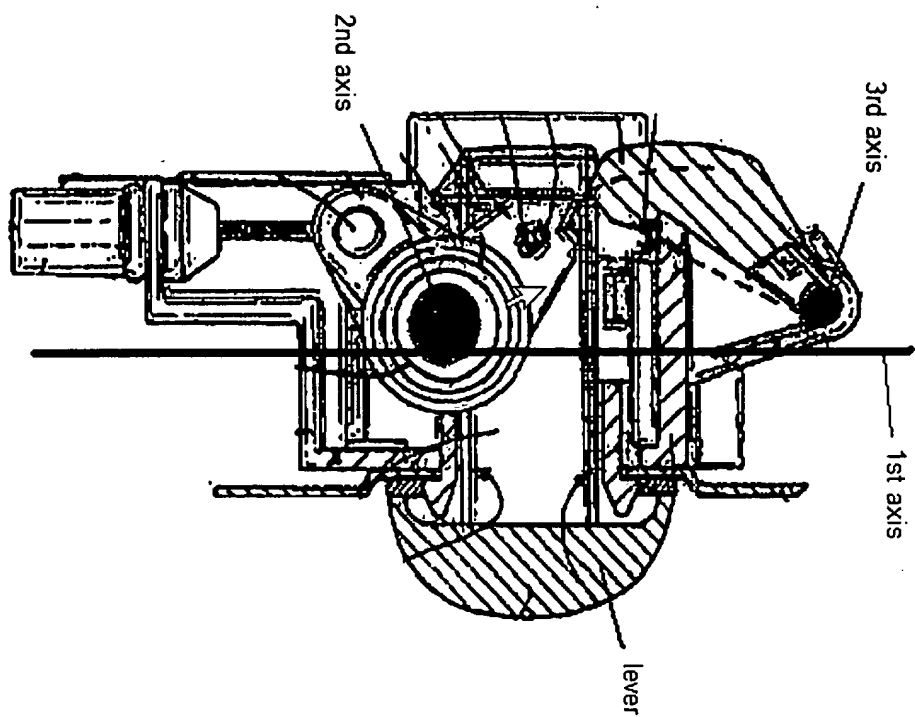
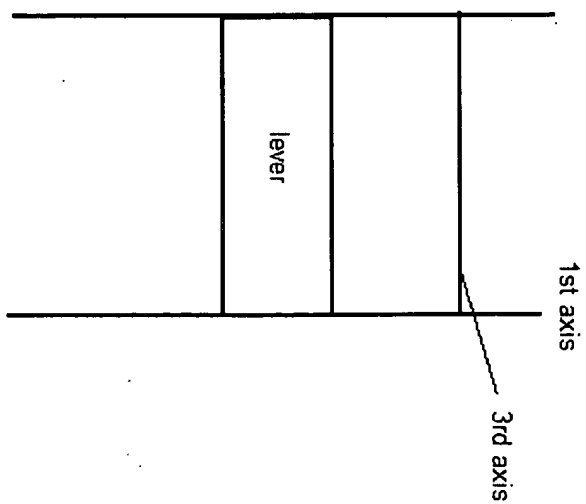


Figure 1 plane



attachment #1